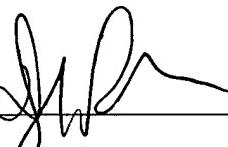


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.8) Unknown 10/549655
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/003608	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 March 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 March 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION PUNCTURE DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SAKATA et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449, 4 references. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Publication Page, Verification of Translation, Application Data Sheet, Form PCT Request, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/IB/304, Form PCT/IB/308, Supplementary Form PCT/IB/308, 9 Sheets of Formal Drawings 		

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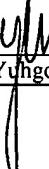
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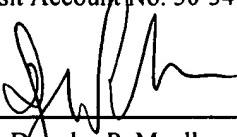
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